# SOME NEW BRACHIOPODS FRON THE MIDDLE PALAEOZOIC ROCKS OF NEW SOUTH WALES. 

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## (Plate xxxi.)

The fossils dealt with in the present paper represent seven genera and as many separate species of brachiopods. One genus and four of the species are new. Three of the genera are typically Silnrian; one (Merista) is characteristic of Middle Devonian, and the range of the proposed new genus Molongia remains to be ascertained. Two of the species have previonsly been recorded from this State, viz., Retzia salteri Sowerby, by de Koninck from Yarralumla, and Orthis striatula Schloth. by W. S. Dun. From a palaeontological point of view, perhaps the mosi important of the species under notice is Merista plebeia, because it is so typically an index of middle Devonian age in Europe, and in North America; in these countries it has but a limited vertical range For this reason it should be very helpful in correlating the sedimentary rocks in which it occurs, bowever distant apart they may be. With regard to this fossil it is to be noted that, although its existence was, apparently, only a short one geologically, its distribution was world-wide, and these remarks apply to its associate Orthis striatula Schloth.; in Australia, just as in Europe, these two fossils are associates, and help to confirm the assumption that the rocks in this State, from which they have been collected in association, are approximately of Devonian age. and. in that case, they would appear to form an inlier surrounded by rocks of Carboniferous age, portions of which have recently been discussed and described (These Proceedings, xlx., 1920, Pt. 2, pp. 285-316). From the same limestone have been gathered a few Spirifers, one of which is near if not identical with S. pittmani Dun and considered by him to be of Deromian age. The pentamerid, $B$. molongensis, resembles in shape juvenile forms of Barrandella linguifer var. wilkinsoni Eth., but in the latter the umbo of the ventral valve is always much more strongly developed and overhanging than it is in the former; and in the latter, too, the length always, at all stages of growth, exceeds the width, while in the former the values of these dimensions are reversed. The Molong fossil occurs with Atrypoidea australis and A. angusta Mitch. and Dun. Etheridge's species
oceurs with these same Atrypids at Hatton's forner in the Bounyongian Beds but the IIatton's Corner species has not vet heen obtained from the Molong Beik. Spirifer bouningensis is very characteristie of the Lower Trilobite Beds of the Boungongian Series and is also ome of the few individnals of the fauna of these lower beds which survive to appear in the Middle Tribobite Beth:

If the suspected oremrence of the genus seminula should be proved an artuality in this Gumenbene limestune pateh, an unnsial commingling of Devonian and C'arboniferons grenera would be the result.

It may not be ont of place here to remark low wery important a help it would be towards the completion of a satisfactory geological survey of the State. if full and systematie balaentograplies were made of the stratified roeks of Mohong. Wellington. ami Orange in conjunction with those of the Bonnengian Berls. Besides, a work of this kind would without donht result in many valuable pataentological diseoveries being mate: for the stratified row of these localities are not to be surpasect for fossiliferms wealth.

## Framily MERISTELLIDAE W:agen.

Merista plebeh Sowerly. (Plate xaxi., figs. 1-3.)
spec. ('har.- Shell biconvex, subtriangular, valves ahmut equally convex, smooth. Pediele valse a good deal deeper than the brachat one, strongly convex espeepally in front of the nomb: anteriorly depressed ambone prominent, incurved apically: fomeated by a rircular foramen. Brachal value slighty more ronvex than the pedide valre; in some specmens a rery inconspicuons fold is present; umbo moderately mominent, strongly incorved, and werhung ly that of the perticle value: a wetl developed septum present. Hinge line mildly areaate. Cardinal angles bunt. Lateral and fromt margins very mildly simate. Only a small portion of the brachdimm has been oherred in one specimen.

Divensions- Four indiviluals save the following measurements:-


But while these four specimens yidderl fairly eonstant proportions for the there dimensions the following did not:-


These rariable dimensions do not afforl infomation of much value in determining its sperife prosition.

Obe.-The fomm now dealt with hears close relationship externally to w plebeios Suw. sp. aml lo M. tennesseonsis Thall and Clarke, yet differs in some respects from both.

Dimansionally. the adult specimens of as. plebein and the local form elosely arree in size as is shown by a fomparison of the measurements of the fwe forme. The dimensions of $\%$. plebeits given by Davidson for two sperimens are (lirit. Foss. Mrach., iii. 186t-T1, Pl. iii.. fies. ©-70)-

Longht 18.7.5 mm. Width 20. S mm. Wepth 10.4 min.
20.5
. 19.5
.. 12.5

The tength and depth of the tatter specimen are practically identicat witt the similar measurements of one of the two large specimens of the local forms given above. In the case of the former species sometimes the length is greater than the width and sometimes the reverse: in the tatter, the tenglt is always greater than or equal to the width, as far as may be determined from the specimens at present available. In outline and external features, adutt specimens of the two shells are not separable, and if the specific delermination of the locat shells were to be made after a comparisun with the adull specimens of M. pleheia Sow., I woutd without hesitation place it wilt that species, but the youthful forms of the british (Plymouth) species, as represented in figs. 7-8 (loc. cit.) are unlike any of the youthful sperimens of our form. Further the umbo and beak of the pediele value of the local form seem more prominent than are these parts of the British species. These slight differences may harily justity the separation of the two.

The relationship, between M. tennesseensis Hall and Clarke, and oms is also elose. The largest sperimens figured by Hatt and ('larke (Nat. Hist. N. Y., Pat. 1894, Vot. iii., Brath. ii., Pl. xhii., figs. 1-6) have length 15.6 mm , widtl 14.75 , depth 9.4 mm .

In figure 5 the tengith and width are 15.6 mms. for each dimension. By referring to the dimensions given above for local shells, the elose agreement of some of them will be plain. Therefore, from dimensional evidence, these two might be placed together; but M. temosseensis, judging from the figures, was smaller, and possessed a more conspimons sulens in the pedicle valve than the New Sonth Wates type. The valse margins, tateral and anterior, of the latte: are more sinnous than they are in the former.

After full consideration it seems to me that the Australian type might be placed with either the British M. plebeia or the American M. temmesseensis LIall and Clarke, but atpears to be nearer the former than the latter; therefore it is placed with that species, though the immature specimens of our furm do not appear to exactly agree with the similar liritish ones.

As far as I am aware this brachiopot has not previously been recorded from this State. In England it oceurs plentifully in rocks of middle Devonian age.

The specimens here described and figured were eollected from a mass of limestone within an extusion of trachyte at the base of Bulga Itill, Tulembah, near Carroll, on the property of Mr. John Tybl. The geological age is, doubtless. middle Devonian. A bochiepod which, outwardly, bears a strong resemblanee to the shells above descrited, was rollected by the writer from Cave Flat, noar the junction of the Murrmbidgee and Goodradighee Rivers, from rocks which are referred to as lower to midate Devomian.

## Family SPlRtFERJDAE.

> Spibifer bownfabesis, n.sp. (Plate axxi., figs. 21-2?.)

Spec. Chars--Shelt transversety subelliptic, radially strongly ribbed, and finely and densely striated. Pedicle valve strongly moncex, possesses ten to twelve folds, sulcus deep and rery wide anteriorly, umbo prominent, beak pointed, incurved, and somewhat ohseuring the area; folds abutting the sulens very prominent. Brachial valve mildly convex, has ten tolds exclusive of the medial one which is prominent, and medially traversed hy a shallow wide sinus; beak not conspicuons. llinge line long, straight, almost as long as the greatest witth
of the shell; area short, narrow, and nsuatly contraeted by pressure; eardinal angles mildly rounded. Front margin strongly sinuate.

Dimensions.-Length 18 mm ., width 29.7 mm ., depth 12.5 mm .
Length 21.9 mm ., width 32.8 mm ., depth 15.6 mm .
The first of these measurements is of a very perfect speeimen three-fourths grown. The other is of an adult speeimen. 'the different dimensions do not seem to bear proportional relations in either ease.

Obs.-This Spirifer belongs to Hall and Clarke's group I. Radiati, and section 1, Paueiplieata of that group, approaching closely to $S$. radiatus and $S$. plicatellus Sowerhy externally; but more to the latter than the former, more especially to the Swedish representatives of the species. In a less degree it resembles S. eudora Hall, from the Niagara formations; but dimensionally is very different. Foth S. radiatus and S. plicatella differ from the loeal species in the absence of a medial sims on the fold of the brachial valve. The radial rilss of the former are not prominent, and diminish in this respeet as they approach the umbo in the latter; they are very prominent throughout their length, exeept in the case of the outer rib or two on each valve. The hinge lines and areas of the two speeies are mueh alike. In adult speeimens of the Bowning one there are constantly six ribs on each side of the suleus on the pediele ralse; and on each side of the medial fold of the brachial valve the ribs are five. In the case of S. plicatella Sow. the ribs on the similar parts seem to he more variable in number and in prominenee. The two are easily separable from eaeh other, and the same may be said of $S$. radiatus and the loeal one.

This Spirifer is very characteristie of the Lower Trilobite Beds of the Bowning Series, where it is common and has very few other Spirifers for associates, but instead, numerons trilobites, among whieh are Odontopleura bouningensis E. and M., O. parvissima E. and M., Ceratocephala rogdesi E. and M.. Sphaerexochus mirus Berrich, Staurocephalus murchisoni Barr.. ete.

It is one of the few representative memhers of the fanna of the Lower Trilnbite Beds that pass upward into the Middle Trilobite Beds: and probably survives to the lower Devonian period. for some fragments of a Spirifer near to. if not identieal with it, have been collected from the limestones near the junction of the Goodradigbee and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

Loc. and horizon.-Lower and Midlle Trilohite Beds, Bowning, Parish of Bowning, County Harden, N.S.W. Upper Silurian-Wenloek or Barrande's étage E.

## Moloxgia, n.gen.

The Bowning and Molong districts of New South Wales ricld a Spiriferoid Brachiopod which I have been unahle to place in any of the genera of this large group. It possesses a well-defined smooth sulens in the pedicle valve and an equally distinet median fold in the brachial valve: the spiralia too are very like those of true Spirifers. But they have no cardinal area, neither is an open delthyrimm present; but, instead, there is a foramen trumeating the apex of the pedicle beak. It seems not distantly related to Hall's genus Trematospira, hat it lacks some of the essential features of that genms, for instance, its shell is imperforate and within the sulens of the perdicle valve there are no folds. Failing to be satisfied that it can he plaped in any existing genus, a new genus is propused for its reeeption.

Gen. char.-Shell imperforate; umbo of pedicle valve prominent, incurved, depressed, and truncated by a circular foramen; cardinal arca absent; hinge-line straight or nearly so; spiralia spiriferoid. Other internal structures not obsurved.

Genotype, Molongia elegans, n.sp.
Molongia elegans n.sp. (Plate xxxi., Ggrs. 6-8, 12.)
Spee. char.-Valves strongly convex, the pedicle valve more so than the other. Pedicle valve subrhomboidal, sulens decp, smooth and wide, and on each side of it are four radial ribs, all of which are prominent. except the one on each side adjacent to the cardinal angles. Umbo prominent, incurved, truncated hy a eircular foramen and resting on the umbo of the brachial valve, or nearly so. Brachial valve subquadrate, medial fold prominent and medially traversed by a narrow. shallow sinus; the lateral folds agree in number and character with those of the ventral valve, and alternate with them, thus giving to the lateral margins a zigzag outline: umbo moderately prominent, and fills up the delthyrium. Hingeline straight, or almost s , and reaches to the cardinal angles which are nearly rectangular in perfect and mature sperimens. Hinge-line elevated. The whole surface of the shell is traversed by faint, undulating, concentric growth-lines.

Obs,-This fossil in several respects is very spiriferoid, and in other features it approaches forms of Trematospira.

Loc. and horizon.-Ahout eight miles west of Molong, Parish of Bomey, County Wellington: Bowning, Parish of Bowning, County Harden. In both Incalities it is associated with Atrypoidea australis Mitchell and Dun. Apparently Upper Silurian.

## Family RETZIIDAE.

## Retzia salteri Davidson. (Flate xxxi.. figs. 4-5.)

Terebratula salteri. Dav., Bull. Soc. Geol. France, 2nd ser., vol. Y.., 1848, p 331. Pl. iii.. fig. 31; Retzia salteri, Scbmidt, Sil. Form. Ehsland, ete., 1858, p. 212, Salter, Siluria, 2nd. edit., 1859. p. 250. Foss. 57, fig. 7: R. baylei, Lindstrom, Gottlands Brachiop., Ofvers. K. Vet.-Akad., Forhandl., 1860, p. 337 ; R. salteri, de Koninck, Mem. Geol. Surv. N. S. Wales, Fal., No. 6, 1898, p. $\unrhd^{2}$.

Spee. char.-Shell equally and strongly convex, oval; valves almost of equal size and each medially depressed. In the depressed part of the pedicle valve are two less robust ribs than those on the lateral parts of the valve, and, in the corresponding depression of the lrachial valve, there is one such rib even less distinct than those of the pedicle valve. On each side of these depressed ribs, in earch valve there are ten, simple and relatively strong ribs, making a total of twenty two and twenty one on the pedicle and brachial valves, respectively. The umbo of the pedicle value is only moderately prominent, incurved and apically truncated by a foramen. The mulonal parts of each are strongly inflated. Hinge line short and arcuate. Deltidial plates obseured. Margins practically non-sinuate. On one side of our solitary specimen which is weathered the spiral lamellae are suffieiently exposed to show that they possess the characteristics of the genus. The concentric growth lines are fine numerous and asperate.

Dimensions.-Length, 5.25 , width, 6 and depth, 3 lines respectively. These measurements agree fairly closely with those given by Davidson for $R$. salteri
and its varieties, $R$. bouchardii and $h$. baylei (Brit. Foss. Brach., iii., pp. 126128.).

Obs.-The form here described agrees with $h$. sulteri Das. in (i.) valves equally convex; (ii.) small incurved beak: (iii.) medial radial rils finer and at a lower level than the lateral ribs: (iv.) strong convexity of the valves: (v.) having in the ventral valve a low narrow simus extending from the beak to the front margin; (vi.) valses ornamented with fine coneentric lines: (vii.) having the front margin slightly indented; (viii.) having the central ribs smaller and at a lower level than the lateral ones. It differs from that precies in the depressed central area having fewer ribe and a smaller number of lateral ribs. With $R$. bouchardii, it agrees in being almost as long ats wide, aml in the mumber and eharacter of the lateral ribs. It appears to differ from that species in having only two depressed eentral ribs in the ventral valve and one in the doreal vatre. The local specimen is smaller; this has little significance whon only a single sperimen is available for comparison. Were I convineel that $h$. bonchardii was an established variety of $R$. salteri I would not hesitate to place our form with that variety. Salter, Lindstrom, and le Koninek consilerel that $R$. bouchardii and $R$. baylei of Davidson were inseparable from $R$. salteri.
de Koninck (Mem. Geol. Surs. N.S.W., Pal. 6, p. 27) reenrded the speeies from Yarralumla. N.S.W., and gave an outline of Davidson's deseription of the speries, whieh la applied to the Yarralumla form: he did not figure it, but atated that it exactly agreed with Davidson's fig. 巳Ta, Pl. xii. Our fossil elosely resembles fig. 29 of the same plate, that is, the varietal form $f$. bourhardii Dav.

The specimens dealt with by de koninek were destroyed by fire in 1882. The owerrenee of the genus lietzia in Australia adds another to the list of hrachoponds which lave a world-wide distribution which, in the case of this getus. appears to have been acemplished in a relatively short genlogieal periont.

Loer. and harizon.- The limestone bert of Limestome ('reek, beneath the Lower Tribohte Reds of Bowning-Yass series. Parish of Dermengullen, Connty Riner. Tpler Silurian (=: Wenlock).

This fusil was fomm assuriated with Farosites guthemdiculinn.. $l^{\circ}$. busaltico Crall.. $F$. multitablata, sphuprecuehnes mirus, Atronne reticuluris Limn.. I. pulchra M. and Iun, ete.

## Family PENTAMERIDAE.


 Penticle valur strongly amses, especially in the umbonal renion. umbone promin(ant. Weak short. Aepressed, gently ineurvert, but mot werhanginer the twak of the brathial valse: medial sims wide and shallow (in some greemens being harelly visible, and in some. Where it is mure pronomberl, there are trates of one or two faint folk within it, and on the shells of yomer indiviluals neither sims nor


 sponding in this rastued with the sulens of the opposine value in some indivituals; anterionly its prominemer is increased by the shell surface on earlo sisk of it beine Aopressed (a feature ammon to 13 . linguifere Sow.), monb moderately pro-
minent, beak small, always visible. Hinge fine straight or very mildiy aronate, cardinal angles rounded. The septa are short.

Dimensions of adult individuals.
Length 10.5 mm . Wioth 13.5 mm .

| $"$ | 8.3 | " | 12. |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $"$ | 10.4 | " | 13. |
| " | 10.4 | , | 12. |


| Depth, | 8.3 mm. |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\cdot$, | 7. |
| ". | 8.3 |
| ", | 7.8 |

These measurements are fairly proportional.
Obs.- In some respects this speeies resembles youthful individuals of $B$. linguifera var, wilkinsomi Eth. Ir., and is suggestive of having heen derived from that speceses bye arrest of its development in the early stages of growth, but at no stage of development can the one form be mistaken for the other. Dimensionally they are widely different.- the one seldom reaching a length of 10.5 mm . and only rarely exereding 13 mm . in width, while the other may reach 25 mm . for each of these dimensions. The width in the Molong species is always much greater than the length, bat in the other the width only very slightly exceeds the length. This fussil oecurs in elusters, mumbering hundreds of individuals oceasionally in a cluster in a massive bed of grey limestone assomiated with Atrypoidec australis Mitch. and Dun, A. angusta Mitcheft and Dun, Leptaena rhomboidalis Wilckens, ete.

Loc. and horizon.-Some eight miles west of Molong, Parish of Bomey, County Wellington. Probably Upper Silurian.

## Sieberella flabra, n.sj. (Plate xxxi., figs. 13-15.)

Spec. Chars--Shell smooth, thick, subpentagonal or subpuadrate according to stage of growth, concentric lines faintly visible on some specimens. Pedicle valve very convex, umbo very tumid and prominent in adult specimens. Beak acutely pointed, incurved and strongly depressed on to that of the brachial valve. Fold only moderately conspiruons, originating just in front of the umbunal region and terminating with a straight edge at the anterior sims. Hinge line wide, cardinal angles high and rounded. Brachial vatio only moderately convex in the posterior halt, laterally flat to subconcave; sinus wide, shatlow and moderately indenting the opposing valve.

Dimensions (adult sprecimens).-Length, 21, 21.9 mm ; width, $21,20.8 \mathrm{~mm}$; depth, $16.5,13.0 \mathrm{~mm} . ;$ (specimen of medium growth), length 15.6 , width 18.7 , depth 8.8 mm .

From these measurements the development of the shelt wonld appear to have been very variable in different individuals, or rather at different stages of growth.
ros.--This sho! is different from the old sicberella (Pentamerus) gmentus in several particulars, so evident that their enumeration is unnecessary. The radial ribbing characteristic of the genus is practicalty absent from the Australian species, for the only traces found on it are very faint folds on each side of the sinus anteriorly, and an cqually faint and hardly visible fold on the medial part of this sinus.

Specifically, as far as my knowledge enables me to judge, the spreces here deseribed has no very dose relation among the species oceurring in Europe and America.

Up to the stage of medium growth, the umbo of the pedicle valve of $s$. glabra is not prominent, and the beak does not overhang that of the brachial
valve: but from that to the adult stage the umbo and umbonal regions strongly develop; and so throw the pedicle valve beak on to that of the brachial valve.

In the classification of this brachiopod 1 have adopted the divisions proposed by Hall for galeatiform pentamerids (Pal. N.Y., Vol. viii., Brach., ii., 1894, pp. 240 and 247).

Loc. and horizon.-Hatton's Corner, Yass River, Parish of Hume, County Mnrray, assoeiated with Barrandella (Clorinda) linguifera var. wilkinsoni Eth. Junr., Atrypa reticularis Linn., Rhizophyllum interpunctatum de Kon., Encrinurus mitchelli Foerste, etc. Upper Silurian (Wenlock).

Family ORTHIDAE.
Orthis (Schizophoria) striatula Sowerby. (1late xxxi., figs. 10-20.)
Spec. Chars.-Outline subcircular or subelliptic, transversely biconvex, surfaee densely covered with fine radial striae which increase in number anteriorly with the growth of the slell by dichotomy and occasional interpolations; at intervals the larger striae open to the surfare and discontinue. All the striae along their whole length are surmounted by slight asperities; concentric growth lines faint except anteriorly. l'edicle valve distinctly convex except anteriorly, where it becomes depressed, and in senile shells a distinct sulcus is formed; beak only slightly incurved and higher than that of the brachial valve. Brachial valve more convex than pedicle, beak inenrved. Cardinal area of moderate length, triangular, elevated in each valve. Delthyrium conspicuous. Cardinal angles rounded. Anterior margin in immature shells very mildly simuate; rather strongly in some of full growth.

Dimensions (mature and nearly mature specimens).-
length 20.3 mm . Width 23.4 mm . Depth 15.6 mm .

| $"$ | 20.3 | $"$ | 23.3 | $"$ | 12.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $"$ | 17.2 | $"$ | 22.6 | $"$ | 11 |
| $"$ | 17.2 | $"$ | 22.7 | $"$ | 12.5 |
| $"$ | 20.7 | . | $"$ | 25.0 | $"$ |

These measurements show proportionate relations more or less, for the three dimensions. The first, which has the greatest thickness, has also the appearance of greatest age; it would appear that depth continued to increase after the other dimensions hat reached their full development.

Obs.-Some palacontologists have contended that $O$. (Sch.) striatula, is identical with O. (Sch.) resupinata; but a larger number recognise its specific rank. The Australian representatives of the species are of smaller size than the European and North American forms; but agree with them in external features. The local O. (Sch.) strintula has only half the width and length of the local $O$. (Sch.) resupinata Martin, but in depth often exceeds the latter, in the case of full grown specimens, and is much more convex. In no instance have I noticed the anterior marginal simus so pronounced in the latter as it is in the former when the shells are ot mature growth. The muscular sears of the former, as far as my observations have enabled me to decide, are less distinct than are those in the latter, and in other respeets the sears appear to differ. The local fossil seems nearer in form and dimensions to the North American form than to the British one.

The specimens here dealt with occur in association with Merista plebeia Suwerly; and in that respect agree wilh the European and North 2American assu-
ciations. Other associates are some Spirifers, one of which has a strong resemblance to $S$. pittmani Dun, and with what appears to be a species of the genus Seminula which would be an unexpected associate.

Loc. and horizon.-Tydd's farm, Tulcumbah, Parish of Gunnenbene, County Nandewar. It' judged from the presence of Merista plebeia, the horizon would certainly be declared Middle Devonian; but shonld the presence of Seminula be proved, then the geological horizon of the rocks from which the fossils were obtained will be a matter for reconsideration.

## EXPlanation of plate xxxi.

Figs.1-3.- Merista plebeia Sewerly. Ventral, brachial and prefite views of mature specimens.
Figs.4-5.- Retzia salleri Davidsen. Ventral aspect and weathered side of a specimen. In the latter six turns of a spiral are exposed.
Figs.6-8 and 12.-Molongia elegans Mitchell. Dorsal, ventral, and prefile views of threer mature specimens ( $x^{2}$ ); Fig. 12 has the dersal valve removed to show the spires, enlarged.
Figs.9-11.--Barrandella molongenis Mitchell. Dersal, ventral, and front views of three nearly mature specimens ( x 2 ).
Figs.13-15.-Sieberella glabral Mitchell. Dorsal, ventral, and front views. Figs. 13 and 14 are of adult specimens, Fig. 15 represents a shell of medium size.
Figs.16-20.-Orthis (Schizophoria) striatula Schloth. In figs. 16-19 the ventral, ehlique, frent and cardinal aspects are shown. Fig. 20 is the part of a cast to show the muscular scars of the pedicle valve. (x 3).
Figs.21-22.-Spirifer bozuningensis Mitchell. Fig. 22 shows a specimen three-fourths grown ( $x \frac{4}{3}$ ), and fig. 21 is part of a valve ( x 3 ) to show the radial striae, etc.

